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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/762,386	MANTEN, JOHANNES	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Ms. Arti Singh	1771	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to interview on 08/28/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 5 and 7 renumbered as 1-5.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

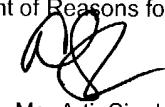
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>attached</u>. 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
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Ms. Arti Singh
Primary Examiner
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Linda Salteil on 08/02/04.

The application has been amended as follows: in the attached claims please substitute the word "microfilament" for -microfibers- in every instance in Claims 1-3 and 5.

- Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A cut-resistant article comprising aromatic polyamide ~~microfilaments~~ microfibers wherein the titer of the ~~microfilaments~~ microfibers is equal to or smaller than 1.3 dtex (1.3×10^{-4} g/m) and the ~~microfilaments~~ microfibers are in a form of stretch breaking yarns or spun yarn based on a staple fiber.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) The cut-resistant article of claim 1 comprising para-aramid ~~microfilaments~~ microfibers.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) The cut-resistant article of claim 2 comprising poly para-phenylene terephthalate) ~~microfilaments~~ microfibers.

Claim 4. (Canceled)

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Claim ~~5~~ (Currently Amended) The cut-resistant article of claim 1 wherein the ~~microfilaments~~ microfibers are in the form of staple fibers with a length between 38 and 100 mm.

Claim 6. (Canceled)

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Claim ~~7~~. (Previously Presented) The cut-resistant article of claim 1 wherein the article is a glove.

- In the specification please substitute the term "microfilaments" for -microfibers-- as is attached in the sheets accompanying this action, namely on the pages specified below:
- Page 1, lines 6, line 27 and line 29;
- Page 2, lines 6, 16, 26 and 31;
- Page 3, lines 3, 5, 15, 16, 17, 19 and 21;
- Page 4, lines 1, 6, 9, 10, 11, 14, and 15;
- Page 5, lines 1 and 3.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: For reasons set forth by Applicant in the previous response, there was no prior art found that teaches or suggest such a small dtex of aromatic polyamide yarns that are staple or stretch breaking yarns in the form of a cut resistant article. All previously made rejections are now withdrawn.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ms. Arti Singh whose telephone number is 571-272-1483. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-7pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terrel Morris can be reached on 571-272-1478. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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